1	2	3
12.	Chandigarh	2
13.	Delhi	5
	Total	103

Kidney Racket

1504. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of kidney racket and persons involved/arrested in Nandya in Karnataka, as reported in the Times of India, dated 19th January, 2002;

(b) the details of victims and also the hospitals involved in the racket; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to prevent kidney racket in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 was enacted to provide for the regulation of removal, storage and transplantation of human Organs, including kidneys, for therapeutic purposes and for the prevention of commercial dealings in human Organs. Under Section 13(2) of the said Act, the State Governments are empowered to appoint by a notification one or more officers as Appropriate Authorities for the said purposes of the Act. No such cases have been reported by Government of Karnataka to Government of India.